



Crop Progress and Condition

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More Heavy Rains in Idaho Continued to Slow Harvest

Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 4% very poor, 18% poor, 42% fair, 31% good, and 5% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 30 degrees Fahrenheit in the eastern region and a high temperature of 88 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwestern region, with a statewide temperature differential of 3 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal. There were heavy rains across the state this week, but especially in the southern regions. Many areas reported field work was slowed or stopped completely due to the rain. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties had some cut beans and alfalfa that were damaged by the moisture. Caribou County reported that potato harvest was underway. Franklin County reported corn harvest was moving along well. Boundary County chickpea harvest was completed this week and growers began planting winter wheat. Winter wheat looked good across the state. Cattle were coming off the range and started to turn out on fall pastures

Most of Oregon Cooled off with Little or No Precipitation

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 35% very poor, 21% poor, 26% fair, 15% good and 3% excellent. A low temperature was reported at 19 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region. A high temperature was reported at 94 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwestern region. The statewide temperature differential ranged from 6 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above normal. In both the northwest and southwest regions of Oregon, light rain and cooler temperatures marginally improved soil moisture conditions for fall seeding. Producers in both regions continued to prep fields in anticipation of more rain. Pumpkins and sweet corn were harvested. Corn silage harvest continued in Lane County. Forty to fifty percent of the filberts had dropped. In the northeast region, corn silage harvest began and some winter wheat seeding continued. Umatilla County reported ideal conditions for potato and onion harvest. In Baker County, potato harvest continued with reports of good quality and yield. Overall, pasture conditions remained dry and grass short. In the southwest region, the dry conditions continued as only a trace of precipitation fell in most counties. Grass fields continued to be irrigated where possible. In Douglas County, the cool weather slowed the rate of maturation for wine grapes. The grape harvest came early this year and was anticipated to approach 70% complete in early October. Pear harvest was complete and apple harvest was 80% complete. Fall cover and grain crops planting began, but the majority of the fields waited for a first good rain. The vegetable crop continued to look good with few reports of disease or aphid pressure. In the southeast region, some rain fell for the first time since June. Potato harvest continued for many and got underway for all. Sugarbeets still forecasted for a late harvest. Autumn definitely arrived in most of the region with most days starting near freezing temperatures. Pasture conditions remained dry.

Fall Arrived for Washington

There were 6.5 days suitable for field work last week. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 10% very poor, 23% poor, 23% fair, 41% good, and 3% excellent. A low temperature of 31 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the northeast region, while a high of 85 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the southeast region. Statewide temperature differentials ranged from 5 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal. In the west, weather was great for crops. Rains helped resupply cranberry crop ponds for wet harvest while resupplying top soil moisture for pastures. Apples, pears, plums, potatoes, and corn were being harvested. Pumpkins continued to grow nicely due to the fall weather changes. Carrot harvest was expected to begin next week. In central Washington, temperatures continued to drop with the arrival of fall. The apple and pear harvest was underway. Winter wheat was almost all seeded and emerging, mainly due to the increased moisture. The remaining hay was expected to be harvested as green chop. Meanwhile, some frosts occurred over night in several counties, prompting farmers to gather livestock. Despite the chilly nights, the weather was overall favorable for most of the week. There were no concerns about crop damage or cattle losses due to the weather. The hop harvest continued unabated. Pumpkin and melons progressed well in central Washington. In the east, seeding of winter crops, including winter wheat, continued as planned. The potato and corn harvest picked up recently. Growers were expected to dust in crops due to the overall dry conditions. Overall, for most of Washington the rainy weather associated with fall had arrived. Fall crops were progressing nicely with pumpkins almost ready for the upcoming holidays. While frosts occurred, there were no concerns about significant damage. Winter wheat was on track for 2017.

Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/25/16

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	2	25	69	4
Oregon	29	32	36	3
Washington.....	11	28	61	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	12	31	56	1
Oregon	29	36	33	2
Washington.....	12	26	62	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/25/16

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	5	81	14
Washington.....	-	2	9	86	3
Corn					
Idaho	-	2	4	87	7
Oregon	-	-	12	60	28
Washington.....	-	-	16	78	6
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Washington.....	-	3	12	85	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	2	69	29
Oregon	-	-	4	78	18

- Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: September 19 - September 25, 2016

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
NORTH														
Coeur d' Alene	42	68	56	-3	40	-14	0.42	+0.19	1	1.66	+0.74	180	8	
Fenn	44	74	59	+2	67	+9	0.61	+0.05	4	1.32	-0.48	73	7	
Lewiston	49	75	61	+0	76	+0	0.01	-0.20	1	0.52	-0.15	78	4	
Bonniers Ferry	40	68	54	+0	31	-5	0.09	-0.19	2	1.05	+0.08	108	9	
Nezperce	33	69	52	-3	18	-18	0.11	-0.24	4	0.56	-0.55	50	9	
SOUTHWEST														
Boise	40	84	59	-3	67	-12	0.33	+0.12	5	0.54	-0.12	82	10	
Emmett	39	81	58	-3	61	-15	0.40	+0.20	2	0.46	-0.15	75	5	
Glenns Ferry	37	88	61	+2	75	+11	0.23	+0.09	3	1.16	+0.76	290	8	
Grand View	38	86	60	+2	74	+8	0.27	+0.13	3	0.58	+0.08	116	6	
Nampa	41	84	61	+3	79	+15	0.05	-0.09	1	0.43	-0.04	91	6	
Parma	40	84	61	+3	80	+18	0.03	-0.11	1	0.60	+0.05	109	3	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Fairfield.....	31	82	54	+1	31	-1	0.69	+0.51	3	1.25	+0.66	212	7	
Malta	31	84	56	+1	46	+3	1.67	+1.46	3	2.42	+1.67	323	8	
Picabo.....	32	82	54	+2	33	+4	0.99	+0.78	3	1.87	+1.30	328	7	
Rupert.....	34	83	56	+0	48	-2	1.72	+1.55	3	2.98	+2.43	542	8	
Twin Falls	39	85	58	+3	60	+13	4.91	+4.72	4	7.77	+7.26	1,524	9	
EAST														
Aberdeen	34	82	56	+3	46	+14	1.39	+1.18	3	1.97	+1.34	313	6	
Ashton	31	79	54	+3	38	+11	1.54	+1.26	3	1.88	+0.89	190	7	
Fort Hall	34	84	57	+4	52	+16	1.98	+1.77	4	2.66	+1.96	380	10	
Idaho Falls	34	82	58	+4	59	+22	1.61	+1.40	4	1.78	+1.16	287	7	
Lava Hot Springs	34	83	55	+1	52	+11	2.51	+2.30	3	3.54	+2.68	412	8	
Montevieu	30	82	54	+2	34	+3	0.44	+0.30	3	0.77	+0.27	154	7	
Preston	37	84	58	+3	56	+12	2.07	+1.72	3	2.62	+1.55	245	8	
Rexburg	31	82	55	+3	43	+12	1.34	+1.13	3	1.54	+0.81	211	7	

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/25/16

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	38	22	32	35
Winter wheat emerged	19	9	8	4
Oats harvested	96	94	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	44	33	40	31
Sugarbeets harvested	20	15	14	13
Field corn doughed	93	88	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dented	83	73	95	(NA)
Field corn mature	35	34	70	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	6	3	21	10
Field corn harvested for silage	40	27	53	41
Dry edible beans harvested	77	76	86	74
Onions harvested	65	46	94	75
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	95	92	96	90
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	41	27	49	42

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: September 19 - September 25, 2016

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	42	73	59	+3	63	+17	0.52	+0.10	5	1.64	+0.34	126	11	
Everett.....	48	72	58	+2	59	+10	0.25	-0.29	2	2.06	+0.35	120	10	
Hoquiam.....	43	74	58	-1	58	-2	0.55	-0.23	3	3.39	+1.08	147	12	
Kelso.....	43	82	59	+0	67	+0	0.17	-0.41	3	1.45	-0.45	76	12	
Olympia.....	38	76	57	+1	51	+5	0.40	-0.14	2	1.71	+0.06	104	9	
Sea-Tac.....	49	76	60	+2	75	+10	0.09	-0.33	2	1.03	-0.29	78	8	
Shelton.....	37	77	59	+1	63	+6	0.69	+0.03	3	2.09	+0.09	105	10	
Tacoma.....	39	77	57	-2	53	-5	0.17	-0.26	2	1.37	-0.01	99	9	
Vancouver.....	45	84	61	-2	77	-5	0.04	-0.38	2	1.16	-0.21	85	7	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	36	83	59	+3	62	+15	0.00	-0.13	0	0.26	-0.15	63	3	
Omak.....	35	79	58	+0	60	-1	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.44	0	0	
Stampede Pass.....	38	65	48	-3	5	-18	0.69	-0.36	3	4.36	+0.91	126	11	
Wenatchee.....	43	79	61	+1	80	+5	0.01	-0.06	1	0.05	-0.33	13	2	
Yakima AP.....	39	83	59	+3	68	+14	0.00	-0.07	0	0.16	-0.17	48	3	
NORTHEAST														
Colville.....	41	71	56	+1	42	+0	0.14	-0.07	5	0.72	-0.15	83	13	
Deer Park.....	31	76	54	+0	31	-4	0.02	-0.26	1	0.31	-0.67	32	6	
Kettle Falls.....	37	78	57	+0	47	-5	0.10	-0.18	2	0.30	-0.71	30	9	
Spokane.....	40	74	57	+1	48	-1	0.01	-0.19	1	0.20	-0.46	30	4	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	36	78	59	-3	68	-14	0.01	-0.10	1	0.07	-0.25	22	4	
Lind.....	33	78	55	-5	36	-27	0.01	-0.13	1	0.32	-0.11	74	4	
Moses Lake.....	35	79	59	-4	63	-19	0.04	-0.07	2	0.12	-0.20	38	4	
Quincy.....	39	82	60	-1	68	-2	0.00	-0.10	0	0.28	-0.11	72	3	
Ritzville.....	36	72	54	-5	29	-29	0.07	-0.07	2	0.41	-0.09	82	6	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	42	82	60	-5	69	-31	0.04	-0.03	2	0.36	+0.07	124	6	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	42	84	61	+4	79	+22	0.00	-0.14	0	0.20	-0.30	40	3	
Pasco.....	39	85	59	-5	64	-25	0.00	-0.09	0	0.24	-0.03	89	2	
Pullman.....	33	70	53	-4	25	-22	0.00	-0.21	0	0.37	-0.36	51	5	
Silcott Island.....	48	81	63	+3	95	+19	0.00	-0.21	0	0.37	-0.30	55	3	
Walla Walla.....	47	83	60	-4	73	-19	0.05	-0.16	1	0.59	-0.07	89	4	
Whitman Mission.....	36	74	56	-3	42	-16	0.10	-0.09	2	0.52	-0.03	95	6	

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/25/16

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	65	44	57	64
Winter wheat emerged.....	35	20	34	39
Potatoes harvested.....	54	50	61	61
Field corn doughed.....	89	86	100	94
Field corn dented.....	69	59	72	67
Field corn mature.....	39	37	30	21
Field corn harvested for grain.....	6	5	12	7
Field corn harvested for silage.....	58	35	63	40
Dry edible beans harvested.....	86	74	95	90
Onions harvested.....	64	58	83	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	91	79	70	38
Alfalfa hay 5th cutting.....	36	31	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: September 19 - September 25, 2016

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria	46	78	60	+3	73	+21	0.25	-0.46	2	2.12	+0.02	101	10	
Bandon	42	76	57	+1	53	+4	0.03	-0.39	3	0.19	-1.13	14	8	
Florence	38	77	56	-3	44	-17	0.42	-0.19	2	1.80	-0.02	99	7	
North Bend.....	46	75	59	+2	67	+12	0.11	-0.36	3	0.33	-1.05	24	7	
Tillamook	41	77	56	-1	47	+0	0.16	-0.84	3	1.30	-1.69	43	11	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	45	83	59	-2	66	-5	0.01	-0.47	1	0.62	-0.83	43	8	
Corvallis	40	82	58	-4	59	-17	0.08	-0.29	3	0.63	-0.56	53	7	
Detroit Lake	39	82	57	-4	52	-19	0.75	-0.11	2	2.90	+0.22	108	8	
Eugene	42	84	60	+0	71	+2	0.02	-0.36	1	0.77	-0.49	61	5	
Hillsboro.....	41	84	58	-4	62	-15	0.14	-0.26	4	0.93	-0.34	73	9	
McMinnville.....	39	86	59	-2	67	-6	0.05	-0.32	1	0.46	-0.64	42	6	
Portland	47	83	61	-1	81	-1	0.04	-0.38	2	1.69	+0.32	123	7	
Salem	44	83	60	+0	74	+2	0.47	+0.10	2	1.54	+0.38	133	6	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass	43	89	61	+1	82	+6	0.00	-0.21	0	0.00	-0.70	0	0	
Medford	44	94	65	+2	104	+9	0.01	-0.20	1	0.01	-0.63	2	1	
Roseburg	47	88	64	+0	101	+6	0.04	-0.24	2	0.07	-0.81	8	4	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon	36	68	52	-4	17	-25	0.07	-0.11	3	0.41	-0.13	76	7	
Echo	37	82	59	-3	67	-7	0.00	-0.14	0	0.42	-0.01	98	3	
Heppner	41	70	56	-5	41	-24	0.00	-0.18	0	0.35	-0.19	65	3	
Hermiston	39	84	60	-1	73	-1	0.00	-0.14	0	0.45	+0.02	105	3	
Madras.....	36	81	54	-3	31	-20	0.01	-0.13	1	0.04	-0.36	10	3	
Moro	36	71	53	-5	25	-26	0.02	-0.12	1	0.31	-0.12	72	3	
Parkdale	35	84	55	-2	35	-12	0.00	-0.29	0	0.32	-0.62	34	5	
Pendleton	41	82	58	-4	56	-18	0.19	+0.05	2	0.68	+0.18	136	6	
Prairie City	33	80	50	+0	16	-5	0.43	+0.22	3	0.57	-0.28	67	5	
The Dalles	45	87	63	+0	95	+0	0.00	-0.14	0	0.21	-0.22	49	4	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake.....	31	82	53	+0	31	-1	0.02	-0.12	1	0.02	-0.48	4	1	
Bend	37	80	51	-3	14	-18	0.00	-0.07	0	0.00	-0.43	0	0	
Burns	29	79	54	+2	30	+2	0.08	-0.06	1	0.13	-0.28	32	3	
Christmas Valley	24	82	50	-4	12	-18	0.03	-0.04	2	0.03	-0.36	8	2	
Klamath Falls	26	83	53	-2	34	-7	0.12	+0.01	1	0.12	-0.35	26	1	
Lakeview.....	23	82	52	-5	29	-19	0.02	-0.19	1	0.02	-0.61	3	1	
Lorella.....	20	86	50	-5	20	-14	0.03	-0.11	1	0.03	-0.47	6	1	
Redmond.....	28	87	52	-6	23	-28	0.02	-0.05	2	0.04	-0.27	13	3	
Worden	19	84	50	-6	15	-26	0.07	-0.04	1	0.08	-0.39	17	2	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City	29	78	53	-2	25	-14	0.02	-0.12	1	0.07	-0.55	11	2	
Joseph	37	73	52	-2	19	-15	0.08	-0.17	1	0.55	-0.42	57	4	
La Grande.....	34	79	56	-2	41	-11	0.01	-0.20	1	0.34	-0.35	49	3	
Imbler.....	33	81	54	-2	34	-9	0.02	-0.26	1	0.31	-0.54	36	4	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario.....	39	83	64	+5	99	+30	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.42	0	0	
Rome.....	36	89	60	+4	75	+23	0.45	+0.31	3	0.64	+0.24	160	4	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2016.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	15	9	18	19
Winter wheat emerged.....	3	1	1	1
Potatoes harvested.....	80	74	75	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	12	(NA)	13	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	51	28	66	(NA)
Onions harvested	75	68	89	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	53	26	74	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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